

REMARKS

This application pertains to novel polysiloxane compositions which cross-link by condensation.

Claims 1-6 and 8-13 are pending.

Applicants note with appreciation that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Wakabayashi in view of Kimura has been withdrawn.

Claim 1 stands objected to because of a typographical error in the definition of "n". This has now been corrected, and the objection should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-6, 8-10 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Schiller in view of Sattlegger. This rejection goes back to the Office Action of 12/12/97 (Paper 5), where the reasons for the rejection are more fully explained.

The Examiner sees Schiller as teaching organopolysiloxane compositions which differ from Applicants' in that, among other things, they do not contain Applicants' alkoxysilane compound d).

As the Examiner sees it, Sattlegger teaches to improve adhesion by adding an alkoxysilane compound

Thus, according to the Examiner, it would be obvious to add Sattlegger's alkoxysilane to Schiller's composition. This, in the Examiner's view, renders Applicants' composition obvious.

The composition that would result from the addition of Sattlegger's alkoxysilane to Schiller's composition would be quite different than Applicants' compositions and would not render Applicants' compositions obvious.

The composition that would result from this combination would contain both the amino crosslinking agents and the alkoxysilanes. The advantage of Applicants' compositions, which have a pure alkoxy system, such as no bad odor, no discoloration and no severe problems with toxicity, would not be achieved.

Nothing in the references cited would suggest compositions such as Applicants' which do not have such amino cross-linking agents.

Applicants' compositions are therefore not rendered obvious by the Schiller/Sattlegger combination of references, and the rejection of Claims 1-6, 8-10 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over said references should now be withdrawn.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that Claims 1-6, 8-10 and 13 are now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of said claims by the Examiner is respectfully requested and the allowance thereof is courteously solicited.

Should the Examiner not deem the present amendment and remarks to place the instant claims in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment Under Rule 116 be entered for the purpose of placing the prosecution record in better condition for appeal.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If any extension of time for this response is required, applicants request that this be considered a petition therefor. Please charge the required petition fee to the Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

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Respectfully submitted,

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